

Docket No. WP 21690 US

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: LIST, Hans et al.

Application No.: 10/539,425 Art Unit: 1797

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Title: TRANSPORT DEVICE FOR TRANSPORTING TEST ELEMENTS IN AN
ANALYTICAL SYSTEM

Confirmation No. 8024

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 23, 2008, in which restriction was required between Group I drawn to claims 1-17 and Group II drawn to claims 18-33, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I (claims 1-17).

Applicants have filed a complete response to the outstanding Office Action and respectfully submit that, in view of the above election and remarks, the application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve

efficiently any formal matters or to discuss any aspects of the application or of this response.
Otherwise, early notification of allowable subject matter is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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